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In re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
Robert M. Abrams ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned (parent  
Serial No.: 10/001,538 ) application Examiner: Julian W. Woo  
Filed: November 14, 2001 )  
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR )  
DETACHING A COVERING FROM AN )  
IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE (As )  
Amended Herein) )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Delete the Title in its entirety and replace it with:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DETACHING A COVERING FROM AN  
IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

Replace the paragraph on page 4, between line 5 and line 17 with:

Turning now to Figure 2. Delivery system 15 includes tube 10. Tube 10 may be a micro-catheter, guide catheter, hypotube or any other type of tube commonly known in the art. Depending on the application, the inner diameter of tube 10 may be .008-.39 inches. Tube 10 may be formed of a polymer or a combination of polymers, metal, a metal polymer composite, a combination of polymers and metallic braid (not shown). Surrounding a distal portion of tube 10 is sheath 20.